

Founders NEIGHBORS

A publication for
FOUNDERS VILLAGE
Residents



September 2024

Member Notification Information

COMMUNITY LEGAL NAME:

Founders Village Master Association, Inc.

DATE DECLARATION RECORDED:

August 12, 1985

FISCAL YEAR: January - December

ASSESSMENT:

\$55 (billed quarterly)

ASSESSMENT INCLUDES:

Community Center, Pool, Social Activities, Covenant Enforcement, Trash Disposal, Newsletter

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:

PCMS Management Company
7208 S. Tucson Way, Suite 125
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303-224-0004 Office
303-224-0002 Fax

DOCUMENTS:

The Master Declaration Of Covenants and Residential Improvement Guidelines can be viewed at the Founders Village website at:

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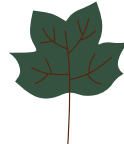


Ridge House Summer Hours Through September 2nd

Monday – Friday 4pm-8pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am-8pm

Monday, September 4th 10am-8pm



Ridge House Fall Hours Starting September 3

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4pm-8pm

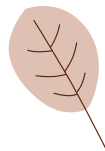
Thursday & Friday 11am-4pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am-4:30pm

Fitness Classes

Tuesday & Wednesday at 5pm ZUMBA

Thursday at 11am BUTTS & GUTS



Labor Day Party

Monday, September 2nd from 11am-2pm. Come celebrate with neighbors and friends at the Ridge house. Lunch, bounce houses, yard games, and more.

Pooch Plunge

Sunday, September 8th from 12:30pm-2:30pm at the ridge house. Bring your pooch to the pool for a dip.

Access System

Residents wanting access to the clubhouse or pool must verify residency (Driver's License - with Founders address printed on the license, utility bill, warranty deed or lease) in person at The Ridge House to receive the registration link.



Living with Bears

Most conflicts between people and bears can be traced to human food, garbage, pet food, bird seed or other attractants. When people allow bears to find food, a bear's natural drive to eat can overcome its wariness of humans. Bears that get too comfortable around people can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety. Habituated bears must often be killed.

By educating yourself and your neighbors, humans can live responsibly with bears.

Black Bear Behavior

Signs of Aggression

- Huffing
- Popping jaw
- Stomps a paw
- If your presence causes the bear to look up or change its behavior in any way, you are too close.

What do you do if you encounter a bear?

Black bears are highly intelligent and respond uniquely to people and situations. Black bears seldom attack unless they feel threatened, cornered, or are provoked.

If a bear comes near your home, do your best to safely chase it away. Yell, blow a whistle, clap your hands, and make other loud noises. But never approach a bear.

If a bear enters your home or yard, deterrents can be useful in areas where bears have already learned that where there are people, there is usually easy-to-get-at food. The purpose of a deterrent is to make your home less attractive and persuade an exploring bear to move on. For a list of deterrents and more, see the "Dealing with an Intruder" section of the Keep Your Home Safer for Wildlife page.

A bear knowingly approaching a person could be a food-conditioned bear looking for a handout or, very rarely, an aggressive bear. Don't feed this type of bear: instead, stand your ground. Yell or throw small rocks in the direction of the bear. If the bear continues to approach, get out your bear spray and use it when the bear is about 40 feet away. If you're attacked, don't play dead. Fight back with anything available. People have successfully defended themselves with pen knives, trekking poles, and even bare hands.

Who Do You Call About an Aggressive Bear?

If you have an encounter with a black bear or an attack occurs, immediately contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-297-1192, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. Before or after these hours, contact the Colorado State Patrol or your local Sheriff's department. If a person is injured by a coyote, call 911 immediately.

Avoid Attracting Bears to Your Home

Garbage that is not securely stored provides an easy meal for scavengers like bears. Never leave trash or recyclables out overnight. Store garbage cans in a closed shed or garage and only put trash out the day of pick-up in wildlife-resistant containers. Empty trash containers can still attract bears and other scavengers, so clean containers regularly with ammonia or bleach.

If composting, use an enclosed composting system, and avoid placing meat or fruit scraps onto your mulch or compost pile.

Bird feeders are so appealing to bears because they are convenient calorie sources. To avoid causing problems in your neighborhood, remove all bird feeders from April-November when bears are most active.

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Leaving attractants, like trash cans and bird feeders (hummingbird, suet and seed), out where they are accessible to bears is a violation of state law, as well as some local city and county ordinances.

Protecting Pets from Bears

Keep dogs leashed; exploring canines can surprise a bear. Your dog could be injured, or come running back to you with an irritated bear on its heels.

At home, always supervise your pet when outside, especially at dawn or dusk when most wildlife are active. If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel. Don't feed pets outside or leave pet food outside.

Crossing Paths with Bears

Double bag food, and never leave any trash or leftovers behind. Finding treats teaches bears to associate trails with food.

In late summer and fall, bears need to forage up to 20 hours a day, so avoid trails that go through berry patches, oak brush and other natural food sources.

Never approach bears or offer food. If you're lucky enough to see a bear, watch from a safe distance and enjoy this very special experience.

Stand still, stay calm and let the bear identify you and leave. Talk in a normal tone of voice. Be sure the bear has an opening to leave the area. Never run or climb a tree.

If the bear doesn't leave, wave your arms slowly overhead and talk calmly. Step off the trail to the downhill side, keep looking at the bear and slowly back away until the bear is out of sight.

ROOFING Do's and Don'ts

Roofing is an old industry, but knowing the do's and don'ts can save homeowners from making big mistakes. As part of the roofing industry, we've been part of helping customers recover from those mistakes. Please read the following in order to avoid the pitfalls of replacing a roof.

1. Always get an inspection before filing a claim.
2. Not all hail storms are insurance claims.
3. A zero-pay claim is still counted as a claim even if the insurance company doesn't pay anything, so let us help you schedule a free inspection to determine if there is enough damage to file a claim.
4. Not all roofing companies are created equal.
5. Roofing companies should be local so they can be held accountable for their work.
6. Crews from all over the country chase hail storms to make quick money, but many will come and go as quickly as the storm and well before you know if there are any issues with their work.
7. Don't sign contracts or commitments with door-to-door roofers.
8. Inspections should always be free and non-binding.
9. DO NOT write a check to a roofing company before your materials are delivered.
10. A roof needs at least two days of 50-degree heat to seal and avoid leaking, so installing a roof in the winter should be avoided when at all possible. If it's necessary, time it according to the upcoming weather.
11. A permit should always be pulled and posted by the roofing company before installing a roof. This ensures that someone from the city/county inspects the workmanship and materials for quality and code adherence.
12. If you have an HOA, be sure to get approval on the shingle color you choose.
13. Ensure that your color choice is in writing before materials are ordered.
14. Only work with roofers that warranty their work.
15. Ask that a project manager be present during the install to ensure safety guidelines are followed.
16. Most insurance companies require a claim be filed within a year of the storm that caused the damage, and that the work be done within a year of filing the claim.

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ALL OF Centennial	2,904 HOMES	\$60
Sapphire Pointe	800	\$15
Founders Village	2,200	\$15
ALL OF Castle Rock	3,000 HOMES	\$25
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Community Website Info

As a reminder, the Founders Village Master Association currently has two websites.



❶ www.foundersmasterhoa.com (No log in/registration required)

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GENERAL ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

❷ <https://pcms.cincwebaxis.com> (Registration required)

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Trash & Recycling 2024 Calendar



 Recycle logo indicates recycle week

Trash carts must be out at 7am until 7pm | Trash Pick-up on Thursdays | Recycling every other week

Green highlighted days indicate trash pick up day, with recycling week remaining the same.

SEPTEMBER 2024							
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DECEMBER 2024							
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	29	30	31				

HBS Holidays Observed	Memorial Day	Independence Day	Labor Day	Thanksgiving
Trash and recycling pick up will be moved to the following day if pick up day falls on or after a holiday during the week				

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

For the health and safety of our workers, please make sure all recyclable materials in your curbside bins are washed out and clean and follow the below guidelines.

Please

Empty and rinse all containers | Place recyclables loose and unbagged in your curbside recycling container
Flatten all cardboard and paperboard boxes | Place your recycling container 4 feet from parked cars and other obstacles

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING ITEMS

What items CAN be recycled?

Paper

Mixed paper | Newspapers, magazines, and catalogs | Cardboard
Cartons | Paperboard | Phonebooks and paperback books

Plastics

Rigid plastic | Bottles and containers | Plastics #1-7

NO FOOD RESIDUE, NO PLASTIC BAGS, NO STYROFOAM, NO HARD PLASTIC ITEMS- TOYS, PVC PIPE, FLOWER POTS, ETC.

Metals

Aluminum cans, foil, and pie plates | Steel cans
Loose metal jar lids and bottle caps

Glass NO FOOD RESIDUE

We are now accepting clean and washed out glass in your curbside recycling bin.

NOT ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING ITEMS

What items CAN NOT be recycled?

Please **DO NOT** place the following products in your curbside recycling container.
NO GARBAGE | NO PLASTIC BAGS | NO PLASTIC FILM | NO STYROFOAM®

NO PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM: We cannot accept plastic bags in your curbside recycling bin. Plastic bags can be recycled at most local grocery stores.

NO NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS: We accept plastics #1-7 but there are some plastics that are not recyclable. These products include Styrofoam, hard plastic items including toys, plastic chairs, flower pots, PVC pipes and any other plastic products that are not listed in these guidelines.

NO LIQUIDS OR FOOD RESIDUE: Please completely empty and rinse out all containers before recycling.

NO CERAMICS OR OTHER GLASS PRODUCTS: Do not place glass, ceramics, china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex, porcelain, or window glass in your curbside recycling container.

NO SCRAP METAL: Do not place scrap metal items of any size in your curbside recycling container.

NO ELECTRONICS: Do not place electronic devices in your curbside recycling container.

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE: We do not accept hazardous waste such as oil-based paint, automotive fluids, car batteries, fertilizers or pesticides. Latex paint recycling locations can be found on PaintCare.org.

The Ridgehouse at Founders Village Calendar

Phone: (720) 733-2778 | Email: fvridgehouse@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Labor Day Party</i> 11 am - 2 pm	3 Zumba 5 pm	4 Zumba 5 pm	5 Buts&Guts 11 am	6	7
8 <i>Pooch Plunge</i> 12:30-2:30 pm	9	10 Zumba 5 pm	11 Zumba 5 pm	12 Buts&Guts 11 am	13	14
15	16	17 Zumba 5 pm	18 Zumba 5 pm	19 Buts&Guts 11 am	20	21
22	23	24 Zumba 5 pm	25 Zumba 5 pm	26 Buts&Guts 11 am	27	28
29	30	<h2>September 2024</h2>				

Complaint Procedure

Who May Submit Complaints? Complaints regarding alleged violations of the Covenants, Design Guidelines or Rules and Regulations may be reported by members of the Board of Directors, members of the Community or the Association’s Manager.

How Complaints Should Be Submitted. Complaints by a member of the community shall be in writing and must include a contact name and email address or phone number in case there is an inquiry from the Board or management office regarding the complaint submitted. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. Your name and contact information will not be provided to the person you have made a complaint about; it is only needed for the management team. The member must have observed the alleged violation and shall contain the nature of the alleged violation, the location of the alleged violation and the date it was observed, photos are very helpful. A complaint may also be submitted by any member of the Board of Directors or by the Association Manager after a walk through or inspection of the Community.

You may send your concerns to PCMS via email at support@pcms.net or via fax at 303-224-0002.

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Founders Teen Services

Teen Services Update: If you have previously registered your teenager for the Teen Services listing in the newsletter publication and your teen is no longer interested in having their name listed or has moved out of the community, please send an email to corpoffice@pcms.net and request that your teens name be removed from the list. The Association has received a few calls indicating that they have tried calling several of the teens listed and were told they are now at college or moved, etc.
List updated July 2024.

To add your name to Teen Services please contact corpoffice@pcms.net.
Give your name, street, telephone and the services you provide.

Name	Phone #	Baby Sitting	Red Cross Certified	Pet Sitting	House Sitting	Lawn & Chores	Snow Removal
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Katie Bernacki	303-386-0047	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Jenny Berson	303-814-1535			✓			
Abby Brown	208-283-6360					✓	✓
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Sage NeRoy	740-527-3870	✓	✓	✓			
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Everyone's Talking about the Grasshoppers

In much of the region, this year has been an “outbreak” year for grasshoppers. While some locations have been skipped over (for who knows what reason), most folks are dealing with ‘hoppers and their voracious appetites. As disheartening as it can be to see the garden devoured in the course of a few days (or hours!), grasshoppers are nothing new to Colorado.

In fact, 2024 marks 150 years since the beginning of the last recorded outbreak of the Rocky Mountain Locust. The years 1874-1876 were marked by hardship not only in Colorado but throughout the West. Locust swarms devoured crops in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado, prompting relief trains of supplies from across the nation, and the launch of the first-ever scientific commission in the country, with the mission of solving the “grasshopper problem.” Expeditions led by entomologists W.M. Wheeler and F.V. Hayden, among others, were dispatched to uncover the life cycle and source of the plague.



In July 1874, the Rocky Mountain News reported on a “grasshopper deluge”:

“People have complained greatly lately of the infrequency of showers here, but there was a shower in the Clear creek valley the other day that would have made them complain on the other side of their mouths, The inhabitants of the vicinity of Boyd’s bridge suddenly noticed a peculiarly black and threatening cloud overhanging the valley, but before they had time to take observations of the same a la the Wheeler and Hayden expeditions, the rains descended and the floods came in the form of 1000,000,000 grasshoppers (at least that was all our reporter counted) which immediately set to work and began eating all the corn, and other crops, within a radius of half a mile. A particularly fine field of lettuce, belonging to Mr. Perrin, was almost entirely destroyed. At the same time some ten hundred thousand billions more were counted by our reporter, flying southward, the wind being from the north, An adverse current of air is supposed to have caused the descent of those on the ground.”

Not only were crops affected, but other aspects of life. The Rocky Mountain News reported on Sept. 15, 1874, of a train being stranded near Larkspur:

“Travel was interfered with on the Rio Grande railroad, Sunday, by the grasshopper blockade. Passengers report that the upbound train was brought to a dead lock a short distance this side of Colorado Springs. The little engine found getting over that track about as difficult as climbing a greased pole.”

W.D. Arnett, a prominent citizen of Colorado, ran for US Senate in 1876 on the paired issues of grasshopper control and grasshopper relief for the newest state in the Union (he lost). In 1877, though, the state legislature passed house bill number 250, which authorized county commissioners throughout the state to raise property taxes in order to fund the payment of bounties for dead grasshoppers (provided the evidence was presented to the county clerk).



While most of us living in Colorado today aren’t at risk of losing our livelihoods to grasshoppers, they can certainly be a problem in rangeland and gardens. Grasshoppers are notoriously difficult to control because they are so mobile. You could wipe out every one of them in your garden only to have more hop in later the same day! Feeding deterrents like garlic, neem, or chili oil are typically not effective, nor is diatomaceous earth. (Directly spraying them with neem oil, though, or insecticidal soap, can be effective). Insecticide-laced baits are another option. Be sure to read and follow all label instructions for any pesticide, organic or otherwise!

A retrospective article published in the 1880s noted that the “grasshoppers have driven out [of Colorado] everyone who is easily discouraged.” Don’t let yourself be one of them!